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The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 2009/27 of 30 July 2009,

Recalling also General Assembly resolutions 57/268 of 20 December 2002, 58/223 of 23 December 2003, 59/252 of 22 December 2004, 60/213 of 22 December 2005, 62/210 of 19 December 2007 and 64/260 (section I) of 29 March 2010,

Acknowledging the progress made by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research in the establishment of results-based management and quality standards and the expanded use of technology-enhanced tools,

Acknowledging also the efficiency gains realized by the Institute through increased e-learning course offerings and the emphasis placed on multiplier effects, such as the training of trainers, with a view to facilitating knowledge transfer through the development of training capacities in national and regional organizations,

Acknowledging further the leadership role the Institute has been playing in its responses to thematic priorities for training, such as system-wide coherence and the functioning and governance of the United Nations development architecture, as well as through its active involvement in inter-agency initiatives in the areas of climate change, peacekeeping and migration and in development-related fields,

Encouraged by the growth in beneficiary outreach achieved through increased training and knowledge-sharing events and by the expanded presence of the Institute in developing countries,

Noting the continued solid overall financial situation of the Institute and the implementation of a new business model with the mobilization of self-generated income at its core,

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** On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

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Welcoming the establishment of the Fellowship Fund to ensure that fee-based training services will remain accessible to those in most need,

Concerned over the low levels of non-earmarked voluntary contributions to the Institute and the negative effects that such low levels have on the efforts to pursue strategic reforms and meet training and capacity-development needs, particularly those of the least developed and other developing countries,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[1]

2. *Welcomes* the strategic plan of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research for 2010-2012;

3. *Calls upon* the Institute to pursue its innovations in the field of capacity development, notably with the One United Nations training service platform for climate change;

4. *Also calls upon* the Institute to pursue its efforts to enhance the capabilities of learning centres in developing countries using innovative methodologies with the objective of fostering South-South and triangular cooperation and contributing to better coordination of United Nations research and training institutes;

5. *Invites* Member States to join a group of friends, which will carry out its work in consultation with the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Institute for the purpose of identifying concrete actions, which could include the establishment of an endowment fund, to respond to the challenges referred to in paragraphs 61 and 62 of the report of the Secretary-General, as well as to provide the Institute with leverage to contribute more effectively to United Nations development cooperation;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2013 on the implementation of the present resolution.

[1] E/2011/115.